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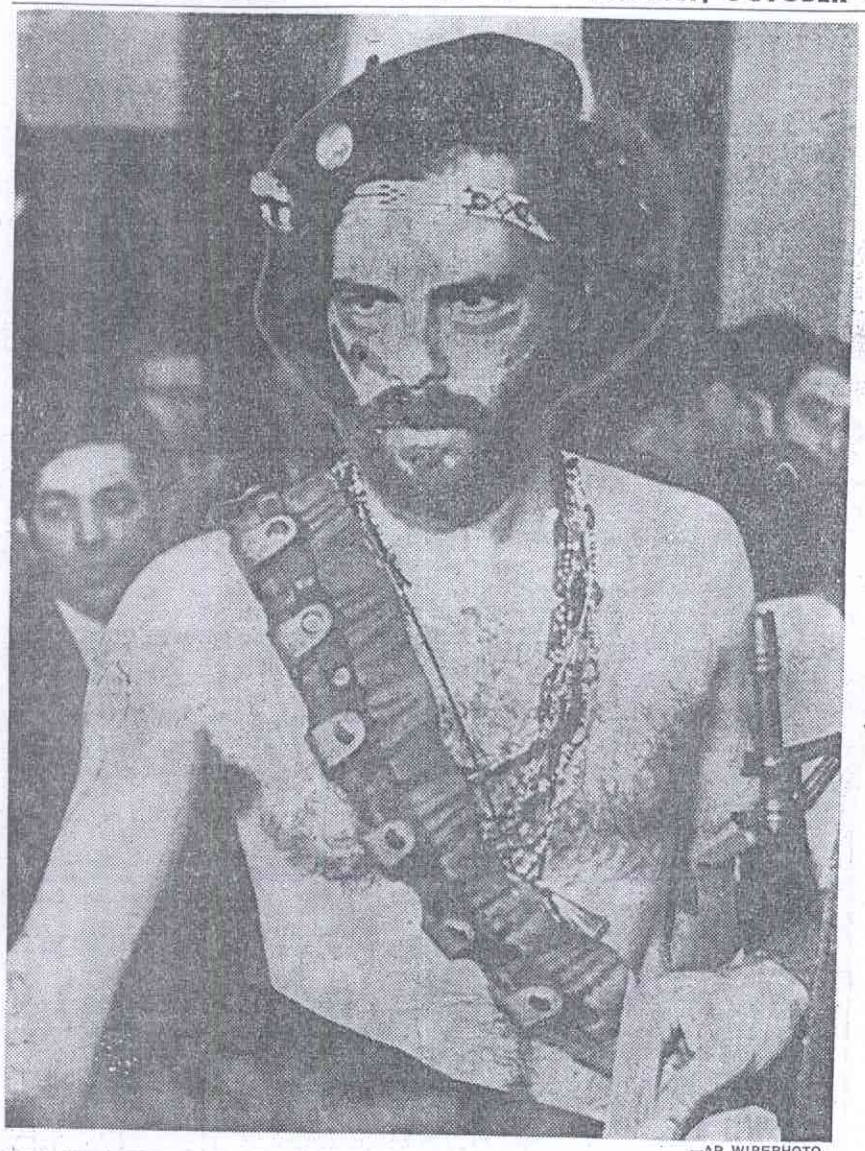

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THIS IS A WITNESS—JERRY RUBIN shows up at the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearing wearing a bandolero studded with live ammunition and carrying a toy-model of an automatic rifle.

DISORDER PROBE OPENS

'Armed' Protester Booted

WASHINGTON (AP)—Peace protester Jerry Rubin, wearing a bandolier ribbed with live bullets, was ejected from a congressional office building today as a House subcommittee opened hearings on antiwar demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

Rubin, a major participant in the confrontation between protesters and Chicago police, was allowed to return after shedding the ammunition.

INSIDE THE hearing room, the House Committee on Un-American Activities began its inquiry amid signs that the session would be as wild as a similar probe two years ago.

As attorneys for protest leaders bobbed up and down with complaints and objections, Rep. Richard H. Ichord, D-Mo., banged his gavel and warned them not to overstep bounds prescribed in House rules.

Ichord, chairman of the special panel, read a 1967 law providing a sentence of up to six months for disorderly conduct in the halls of Congress.

THE LAWYERS were given the warning after they made repeated requests for a larger hearing room, complained about the acoustics and made a couple of technical objections. Ichord said House rules limited attorneys to only advising their witnesses.

In all, the lawyers interrupted 23 times on points of order during the morning session, and Ichord told newsmen afterwards that "there seems to be a lot of dilatory tactics by the attorneys."

The chairman declared "there is no merit" to the lawyers' claims that he was conducting the hearing in an unconstitutional manner. "I'm conducting the meeting ac-

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Armed Protester Barred from Probe

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cording to the rules of the House," he said.

ICHORD ALSO made it plain that the subcommittee would not delve into charges of police brutality during the August convention, saying the hearings were limited to confrontations staged by the protesters.

"We're not interested in whether the police underacted or overreacted," he said.

Ichord said the probe's purpose is "to determine the extent to which and the means by which these incidents in Chicago were planned, instigated, incited and supported by Communist and other subversive organizations."

THE FIRST witness, James L. Gallagher, a HUAC staff member, told the subcommittee the purposes and policies of the Chicago protesters "were clearly compatible with the policies of Hanoi, Peking and Moscow."

Gallagher said the demonstrators wanted to disrupt America's total political process and that the groups taking part represented "just about the complete spectrum of the New Left and the Old Left."

Rubin, one of the witnesses subpoenaed for the hearing, is not scheduled to appear until Thursday.

AS THE FIRST session opened, however, the bearded protester led a straggly band of fellow demonstrators to the committee door.

Barefoot and barechested, his body painted with multicolored peace symbols, Rubin marched to the committee chambers, carrying a toy M16 rifle and wearing a pistol belt.

There, he was halted by Capitol police who ordered him to strip off the ammunition. Two policemen grabbed him by the biceps and escorted him out of the building.

FOUR OTHERS also were hustled out, but there was no attempt by the demonstrators to interfere with the police. The guards also confiscated a black bull whip from Abbie Hoffman, another protest leader.

Rubin, Hoffman and four other leaders of peace protests, including David Dellinger, told a news conference before the hearings that they are asking for a federal court injunction to forbid issuance of any citations for contempt of Congress against them during the hearings.

THEY SAID THERE would be a rally on the Capitol Mall on Thursday, the day the protest leaders have been summoned to testify.

Rubin and Hoffman are leaders of the Youth International Party, known as Yippies. Dellinger led the peace march on the Pentagon a year ago. The others joining in the court suit were Rennie Davis, Thomas E. Hayden and Robert Greenblat.

Rubin, who appeared at a HUAC hearing two years ago wearing an American Revolutionary War uniform, said he was dressed for this week's investigation in "the guerrilla outfit of the future."

Asked where he got the brass-jacketed rifle bullets that studded the bandolier, Rubin cracked, "I got them off an American soldier."

Last week, Rubin and Hayden, founder of the Students for a Democratic Society, which has campaigned for abolition of the HUAC, burned their committee subpenas on the University of California's Berkeley campus.

Both, however, have said they would appear and there have been several reports that groups of demonstrators might try to disrupt the hearings.

IN LIGHT OF the reports and because of the past incidents, the committee has taken special security precautions in hopes of heading off disturbances.

Space in the hearing room is limited to 25 newsmen and only 75 spectators. The newspeople will need special passes to leave and re-enter the room, and there have been reports that the other onlookers will need special credentials to get in.

Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley also has been asked to testify.

The hearings were called after police and antiwar demonstrators battled in Chicago's streets. The demonstrators charged the police with brutality while Daley said the protestors were led by elements devoted to the violent disruption of the convention